



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



February 16, 2014
The Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 1 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (February 16)

Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions; Venerable Flavian the hermit; Venerable-martyr Romanos from Solovak of Carpenesion.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 3: I have foolishly run away from thy fatherly glory, and I have wasted in evil deeds the wealth which Thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to Thee with the voice of the prodigal: I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father. Receive me who repent and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Prokeimenon: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians
(Chapter 6:12-20)

BRETHREN, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I, therefore, take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin, which a man commits, is outside the body but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Gospel: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything a great famine arose in that country and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son,

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you are always with me and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead and is alive; he was lost and is found.””

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Souls Saturday)
Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Meatfare Sunday)
Saturday, March 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheesefare Sunday)
Sunday, March 2nd – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 7th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, March 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (The Sunday of Orthodoxy)
Wednesday, March 12th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 14th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, March 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar candle** is offered today by **Philip** and **Elaine Khoury** for the repose of **Ibrahim George Khoury**. May his memory be eternal.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** for the repose of **Cesar’s** father, **Elia El-Hajj**. May his memory be eternal.

The **coffee hour** is brought to you today by **Anna Parkkali**. Thank you.

Ladies Guild Projects to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). The sale will continue through Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 23. Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Feb. 16th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 23rd, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campstthekla.org. Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, PO Box 52482 Lafayette, LA 70505, Phone: 337-232-9808, Email: CampStThekla@gmail.com

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 13).

Our annual **Wine and Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 2nd, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

The members of the **St. Basil Youth Group** shall lead us in chanting the responses for **Forgiveness Vespers**, which is scheduled for March 2nd at 5:00 P.M.

As of February 9, 2014, 34 pledges were received totaling \$68,605.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for February 9, 2014, totaled \$1,346 for a year-to-date total of \$11,134.22 (~\$1,856/week). We are approximately \$4,614 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2

